## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

MAY 2 3 2012 SECRETARY, BOARD OF

OIL, GAS & MINING

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IN THE MATTER OF FORMAL RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE COAL REGULATORY PROGRAM BEAU

COAL REGULATORY PROGRAM R645

RULES FOR OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL AS REQUESTED BY OFFICE

OF SURFACE MINING

ORDER AMENDING COAL PROGRAM R645 RULES

DOCKET NO. 2012-008 CAUSE NO. RCOAL-2012-01

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Pursuant to the Request of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Division") filed with the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Board"), the Request for Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Coal Program R645 Rules was presented for action by the Board at its regularly scheduled hearing on May 23, 2012 with Board members Ruland J. Gill, Kelly L. Payne, Jake Y. Harouny, Jean Semborski, Chris D. Hansen, Carl F. Kendall, and James T. Jensen, Chair present and participating in the hearing. Steve Alder, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Division.

Steven Schneider presented the Board with a summary of the actions taken by the Board and Division to comply with the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, Utah Code §§63G-3-101 et seq. (2012); specifically: that at its regularly scheduled hearing on March 28, 2012, the Board approved commencement of formal rulemaking for adoption of new or amended rules collectively referred to as "ownership and control" rules as requested by the Office of Surface Mining; the eRules filing was completed on March 30, 2012 and the proposed rule amendments appeared in the Utah State Bulletin on April 15, 2012; the Utah State Bulletin gave notice that there would be an opportunity for public comment as part of the Board hearing on April 25, 2012; that a 30-day comment period was provided extending through May 15, 2012; that no objections were received; and that more than 7 days have elapsed since the close of the comment period.

The Board being fully advised, after consideration of all comments, based on the reasons stated in the Request, and for good cause appearing does by unanimous vote of those present hereby Order amendment of Coal Program Rules in R645 as specified in the Request, effective upon the execution and entry of this Order.

DATED this 23 day of May, 2012.

James T. Jensen, Chair
Utah Board of Oil Cas and Mining

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER for Docket No. 2012-008, Cause No. RCOAL-2012-01 to be mailed with postage prepaid, this day of May, 2012, to the following:

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